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SUBJ: AMERICAN GROUP SEEKS MTG WITH UAE PRESIDENT ZAYID
IN PAKISTAN

1. UAE MIN STATE FOR FOR AFF GHUBASH INFORMED CHARGE FEB
4 THAT HE HAD RECEIVED NOTIFICATION FROM PAKISTAN GOVT
THAT AMERICAN GROUP HAD REQUESTED PAK VISAS AND LANDING
PERMISSION FOR EXECUTIVE JET IN ORDER TO HAVE CONFERENCE
WITH UAE OFFICIALS AT RAHIM YAR KHAN, WHICH IS LOCALITY WHERE UAE
PRESIDENT SHAIKH ZAYID MAINTAINS HIS HUNTING CAMP. GROUP IDENTI-
FIED THEMSELVES TO GOP IN MSG (SIGNED BY HOWSER) AS
AIRCRAFT OWNERS AND PILOTS ASSOCIATION OF WASH DC. AND
SAID THEY WOULD BE TRAVELLING IN GRUMMAN GULFSTREAM NUMBER
N-80-GA PILOTED BY CAPT TOM MAY. IN PASSING THIS REQUEST
TO UAEG, GOP ADVISED THEY RELUCTANT APPROVE REQUEST SINCE
SHAIKH ZAYID IN PAKISTAN STRICTLY ON HOLIDAY TRIP,
AND FURTHERMORE, STRINGENT SECURITY MEASURES NOW IN
FORCE FOR FORTHCOMING ISLAMIC SUMMIT.

2. GHUBASH ASKED ME IF I KNEW PURPOSE OF TRIP. REPLIED I
COULD SHED NO INFO ON REQUEST, ALTHOUGH FAMILIAR WITH
GROUP IN QUESTION. GHUBASH EQUALLY AT LOSS TO EXPLAIN WHY US
PILOTS ASSN WISHED MTG WITH UAEG; HE ALSO SEEMED MORE THAN
SLIGHTLY ANNOYED THAT GROUP WOULD HAVE SOUGHT SEE PRESI-
DENT WHILE HE VACATIONING. GHUBASH ASKED IF EMB HAD ANY
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OBJECTION TO HIS ADVISING GOP TO DENY VISA AND AIRCRAFT

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LANDING PERMISSION AND TO INFORM HOWSER THAT IF GROUP INTERESTED IN BUSINESS DISCUSSION WITH UAEG, PROPER VENUE FOR SUCH WOULD BE ABU DHABI, NOT PAKISTAN. GOP WAS TO BE INSTRUCTED ALSO THAT PILOTS ASSN SHOULD CONTACT UAE UN MISSION IN NY OR MFA TO ARRANGE FOR ENTRY PERMISSION. MY REPLY WAS AS FAR AS EMB CONCERNED, UAEG SHOULD HANDLE IN MANNER IT DEEMS APPROPRIATE.

3. GHUBASH HAS REQUESTED EMB'S ASSISTANCE IN DETERMINING FOLLOWING: A. WHAT IS NATURE AND PURPOSE OF ORGANIZATION'S BUSINESS WITH UAEG? B. WHY WERE THEY TRYING TO ARRANGE MTG WITH ZAYID AT ISOLATED HUNTING CAMP IN PAKISTAN?

4. FROM PHONE BOOK WE NOTE AIRCRAFT OWNERS AND PILOTS ASSN LOCATED 4650 - EAST-WEST HIGHWAY, BETHESDA, MD. TEL: 6540500. GRIFFIN

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